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Milan, Decemb. 9.

THE Republick of *Venice* hath made a Treaty with our Governor the Count *de Melgar*, for 1500 Foot, and 500 Dragoons, which are to be paid on the same foot as are the Troops of *Lunenburgh* now in the service of that State, and are to be sent home again within three Months after the Governor of *Milan* shall demand them, the Republick being obliged to make them up to the number they were when they entred into their Service, or to pay a Sum of Money in consideration thereof at the rate of so much a Man.

Vienna, Decemb. 20. The Cardinal *Bonvisi*, the Pope's Nuncio at this Court, has, we are told, assured the Emperor, that his Holiness will assist him with a considerable Supply of Money to be employed in the Preparations for the next Campagne. A great Council of War is appointed to be held here in the beginning of *February*, at which the Duke of *Lorrain* will be present. The Imperial Officers that are here have most of them received the Money allowed them for their Recruits, being obliged to have their Companies complete by the beginning of *April*. We told you in our last, that the Visier of *Buda* had sent another Letter to the President of the Emperor's Council of War, the substance of it, as we are since informed, is only this, That he, the said Visier, was expecting farther directions from *Adrianople*, upon the Answer his Imperial Majesty had given to Aga *Chelebi*, that he would not begin any Conference or Negotiation of Peace without the consent and satisfaction of his Allies, and that he will, so soon as he has received them, send hither an account thereof, intimating withal, that he believes the Grand Signior may be disposed, through the great desire he has to put an end to the War and the Calamities that attend it, to send Ambassadors hither to treat with such Persons as shall be authorized for that purpose by the Emperor and his Allies. The Princess *Ragotzi* has written to General *Caprara* in answer to the Letter she received from him, wherein she pretends a willingness to submit her self to the Emperor, but at the same time refuses to receive a Garison into the Castle of *Montgatz*, and seems to believe that the condition of her Husband Count *Teckeley*, is not such as is reported, but on the contrary that he is very well treated by the *Turks*, and that he will return very suddenly. General *Rabata* is gone for *Hungary*, to give the necessary Orders concerning the Magazines which the Emperor has ordered to be provided at *Comorra*, and several other places of that Kingdom.

Cologne, Decemb. 28. There has not passed any thing of moment here since the re-establishment of the old Magistrates, against whom those that have been displaced have made several Complaints, which will be examined by the Imperial Sub-Commissioners at their return hither after the Holydays; when we expect likewise to hear what farther Proceedings will be had against the three Prisoners at *Dusseldorpe*. The Sieur *Bilderbecque*, Resident of the *States General* of the *United Provinces*, is gone from hence to *Bonne*, to compliment the Elector of *Cologne* upon the death of the Bishop of *Freisingue* and *Ratisbonne*, his Electoral Highnesse's Brother.

Hamburgh, Decemb. 26. The Troops of *Lunenburgh*, which served in *Hungary* this last Campagne are come back, having their Winter-quarters assigned them within the Territories of those Princes; The Count *de Rapack*, who was appointed by the Emperor to conduct them, is arrived at *Hanouer*, to thank that Duke in the Emperors Name for the assistance of the said Troops. The Deputies which this City sent some time ago to *Vienna*, to represent at that Court the State of the differences depending between them and the Duke of *Zell*, have not yet been able to obtain Audience of the Emperor. The Sieur *Cauniz* the *Brandenburgh* Minister is returned hither, and it's hoped, that by his Electoral Highnesses interposition the said differences will be at last amicably composed. The Duke of *Hanouer* is gone for *Italy*, with the Dutchess his Wife, and the Prince his Eldest Son, intending to pass the Carnaval at *Venice* or *Genoua*. They write from *Holstein*, that all the Low Lands are still under Water, that they have lost most of their Cattle, and that the misery of the Country People in those quarters can hardly be expressed. The last Letters from *Poland* gave an account, that the King hath summoned all the Senators of the Kingdom to meet the fourth of the next month at *Zukiew*, to consult about the preparations for the next Campagne, which it's confidently said will be greater than any that have been yet made on that side since the War. The advices from *Moscow* say generally, that the Czars appear very much inclined to enter into the League against the *Turks*, but they are not to be relyed upon, and therefore we must have patience till the Ambassadors of *Poland* arrive at that Court, when we shall hear with more certainty what the resolutions of the Czars are in this Conjuncture.

Hague, Jan. 1. The Province of *Zealand* having consented to the first payment of the Arrears of Subsidies due to the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, the Heer *Van Stilte*, who was sent hither by his Electoral Highness to receive the same, will now be very quickly dispatcht. The Sieur *Guldenstolpe*, Envoy Extraordinary from the King of *Sueden*, has since his Arrival here had several Conferences with the Deputies of the *States General*, about renewing, as is believed, the Alliance which is now going to expire between that Crown and this State. The Heer *Spaen*, Lieutenant-General of the Elector of *Brandenburgh*'s Forces, is still here.

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